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Annual report of the town  
officials of Oakham,

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# TOWN OF OAKHAM

Massachusetts

## Annual Official Reports

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1922



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TOWN OF OAKHAM



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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1922

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### Town Clerk

EVA S. ALLEN, resigned, Term expires 1924

### Selectmen

JOHN P. DAY Term expires 1925  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN Term expires 1924  
EDMUND CODY Term expires 1923

### Assessors

WALTER A. WOODIS Term expires 1925  
JOHN MORAN Term expires 1924  
CHARLES B. DANIELS Term expires 1923

### Overseers of the Poor

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN Term expires 1924  
APPLETON L. NEWTON Term expires 1925  
MORTON F. LINCOLN Term expires 1923

### School Committee

THOMAS C. BAXTER Term expires 1924  
MINNIE M. DAY Term expires 1923  
WALTER O. BABCOCK Term expires 1925

### Library Trustees

SARA E. BUTLER Term expires 1923  
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL Term expires 1924  
JESSE ALLEN, deceased, Term expires 1925

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

### Cemetery Committee

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES P. FAIRBANKS | Term expires 1923 |
| JOHN W. DWELLY     | Term expires 1924 |
| EDWIN GREEN        | Term expires 1925 |

### Collector

EDMUND CODY

### Treasurer

JOHN W. DWELLY

### Tree Warden

WILLIAM A. NYE

### Auditor

JOHN ROBINSON

### Superintendent of Highways

CLIFFORD R. KNIGHT

### Sealer of Weights and Measures

GEORGE H. MORSE

### Measurers of Lumber

WALTER A. WOODIS  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN  
GEORGE H. MORSE

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Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHARLES B. DANIELS  
APPLETON L. NEWTON  
GEORGE W. DEAN

Fence Viewers

W. WALLACE GRIMES  
GEORGE S. BUTLER  
IRA W. STONE

Constables

WILLIAM C. AYRES, (chief), deceased  
FRED PARMENTER  
CHARLES B. DANIELS  
GEORGE H. MORSE  
HENRY W. BARTLETT  
EVANDER L. GREEN

Field Drivers

JOHN O'DONNELL  
FRANCIS GAFFNEY  
SARA E. BUTLER

Town Agent

FRANK S. CONANT

Cattle Inspector

HENRY W. STONE

TOWN OF OAKHAM

School Superintendent  
JAMES R. CHILDS

Undertaker  
JAMES P. FAIRBANK

Forest Fire Warden  
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

Superintendent for the Suppression of Brown Tail and  
Gypsy Moths  
PERCY WILBUR



## **TOWN WARRANT**

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### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in  
the County of Worcester,

Greetings :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose one Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for one year, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, shall the town petition for the installation of an accounting system by the commonwealth, (this question is submitted under the provisions of Chapter 516, Acts of 1922), all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in

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the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of moneys as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

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Article 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$50 towards repairing the church steeple.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to have its valuation and taxes printed once in two or three years, instead of annually as at present.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a set of hay scales and make appropriation for same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will buy six pairs of handcuffs, and make appropriation for same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of January, in the year, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

JOHN P. DAY,  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,  
EDMUND CODY,

Selectmen of Oakham.

## DEACON JESSE ALLEN

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On Wednesday, Nov. 23, a feeling of sorrow passed throughout the town when we learned of the death of our beloved and most distinguished citizen, Deacon Jesse Allen.

Mr. Allen resigned two years ago on account of failing health from the town clerkship after a record of 50 years of most efficient and faithful service, a record hardly ever surpassed. His daughter, Eva, succeeded him as town clerk until she left town in December. Besides serving the town as town clerk, he held many other offices during his life, including school committee, overseer of the poor, library trustee, cemetery commissioner, town treasurer, and also was a justice of the peace and represented the district in the legislature.

In the death of Mr. Allen Oakham has lost the most distinguished life long citizen that it ever knew.

In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his daughters.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN P. DAY,  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,  
EDMUND CODY,  
Selectmen of Oakham.



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded in Oakham in  
1922

### BIRTHS

- Jan. 10. Son (Russell Oliver) to Sylvester R. and Ethel L. Dean.
- Jan. 31. Twin sons (Anthony Alois) and stillborn to Anthony J. and Millie S. Bechan.
- Feb. 17. Son (George) to Joseph J. and Marion A. Bechan.
- Apr. 16. Daughter (Helen Roberta) to George H. and Marjorie H. Lackey.
- May 26. Daughter (Millicent Rebecca) to Edward J. and Laura E. Crawford.
- July 25. Daughter (Dorothy May) to George A. and Maud A. Briggs.
- Aug. 21. Son (Edward) to Evariste and Anna Dufresne.
- Sept. 7. Son (Gilbert Harding) to Joseph A. and Nellie J. Potter.
- Oct. 2. Son (John Howard) to Raymond B. and Annabel Culver.
- Oct. 31. Son (John) to Martin and Damie Winski.
- Nov. 3. Daughter (Wieno Helen) to Oscar and Lizzie Maki.
- Nov. 15. Son (Wallace Clifford) to Henry W. and Evelyn M. Grimes.
- Dec. 8. Daughter (Marjorie Appleton) to Oliver W. L. and Etta M. Wilkins.

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### MARRIAGES

Apr. 17. Francis P. Gaffney to Margaret C. Pimley.  
 Aug. 10. Fred R. Thompson to Enola F. Clifford.  
 Dec. 25. Walter A. Woodis to Gertrude M. Dean.

### DEATHS

|          |  | Y. | M. | D. |
|----------|--|----|----|----|
| Jan. 31. | Son (stillborn) to Mr.<br>and Mrs. Anthony Bechan. |    |    |    |
| Feb. 8.  | William C. Ayres                                   | 59 | 9  | 17 |
| Feb. 11. | Winifred A. Gaffney                                | 58 | 9  | 24 |
| Feb. 15. | Anthony A. Bechan                                  |    |    | 15 |
| Mar. 24. | Adeline G. Green                                   | 71 | 7  | 16 |
| July 14. | Minnie G. Woodis                                   | 46 | 10 | 24 |
| Aug. 14. | Hiram S. Harwood                                   | 77 | 0  | 8  |
| Aug. 17. | Henry A. Crawford                                  | 86 | 6  | 6  |
| Oct. 1.  | Frank E. Loring                                    | 78 | 8  | 14 |
| Nov. 21. | Leonard W. Newcomb                                 | 72 | 10 | 14 |
| Nov. 22. | Jesse Allen  | 72 | 5  | 29 |

### BURIED IN TOWN

|           |                    |    |    |    |
|-----------|--------------------|----|----|----|
| Jan. 4.   | Sophonra A. Parker | 79 | 5  | 14 |
| Jan. 30.  | Nella A. Lord      | 81 | 0  | 21 |
| Feb. 2.   | George M. Ross     | 81 | 0  | 21 |
| Feb. 16.  | Gladys Beckwith    | 3  | 1  | 13 |
| Apr. 21.  | Lucy A. Parker     | 79 | 10 | 1  |
| Sept. 27. | John H. Keep       | 54 | 11 | 15 |
| Oct. 14.  | Edwin Chamberlain  | 80 | 2  | 4  |

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### LICENSES

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Combination Licenses       | 76    |
| Hunting and Trapping       | 18    |
| Non-Residents Combination  | 1     |
| Alien Hunting and Trapping | 1     |
| Fishing                    | 18    |
| Minor Trappers             | 4     |
|                            | — 118 |

### DOGS

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Males   | 79    |
| Females | 23    |
|         | — 102 |

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Jan. 1, cash on hand                    | \$854 41  |
| Received of Edmund Cody, taxes,<br>1922 | \$7914 90 |
| Edmund Cody, taxes, 1921                | 3285 82   |
| George H. Morse, taxes, 1920            | 733 43    |
| George H. Morse, taxes, 1919            | 133 04    |
| Commonwealth of Mass.                   |           |
| Income tax 1919-20-21-22                | 166 50    |
| Income tax, general fund                | 162 00    |
| Income tax, school fund                 | 640 00    |
| School fund                             | 2172 00   |
| Inspection of animals                   | 16 00     |
| School Superintendent                   | 289 92    |
| Corporation taxes                       | 45 76     |
| High school tuition                     | 789 47    |
| High school transportation              | 520 50    |
| Dog tax                                 | 224 27    |
| State Aid                               | 216 00    |
| National Bank tax                       | 17 32     |
| Soldiers' exemption                     | 4 21      |
| Highway Commission                      | 2500 69   |
| County Highway                          | 500 00    |
| Town of Rutland, tuition                | 27 00     |
| Worcester Bank and Trust Co.            | 3500 00   |
| Cemetery Committee                      | 96 00     |
| Perpetual care of cemetery lots         | 95 00     |
| Rent of Memorial Hall                   | 68 00     |
| Licenses                                | 4 50      |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures          | 9 95      |
| Overseers of Poor                       | 20 00     |



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|                                |        |             |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| For dynamite                   | 39 75  |             |
| John L. Smith, trial justice   | 10 00  |             |
| Sale of South school house     | 155 00 |             |
| Fire wagon                     | 35 00  |             |
| Grass on Library lot           | 2 00   |             |
| Miss J. H. O. Lovell, library  | 153 60 |             |
| Miss J. H. O. Lovell, cemetery | 153 60 |             |
| Flora B. Arnold, cemetery      | 50 00  |             |
| W. R. Dean, cemetery           | 100 00 |             |
|                                | <hr/>  | \$25,705 64 |

Cr.

|                              |             |                 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| By paying Selectmen's orders | \$23,666 77 |                 |
| Trust funds deposited        | 457 20      |                 |
|                              | <hr/>       | \$24,123 97     |
| Balance in Treasury          |             | <hr/> \$1581 67 |

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| George H. Gould     | \$100 00 |
| Daniel H. Dean      | 100 00   |
| Caroline M. Maynard | 150 00   |
| Stephen Lincoln     | 150 00   |
| Charles Fobes       | 100 00   |
| Mrs. Samuel Ripley  | 25 00    |
| Mary E. Brown       | 50 00    |
| Martha M. Macullar  | 100 00   |
| Fannie W. Kimball   | 50 00    |
| Weeks & Elliott     | 100 00   |
| Sumner Reed         | 100 00   |

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|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Lewis N. Haskell      | 100 00 |
| Lewis Allen           | 100 00 |
| Jesse Allen           | 100 00 |
| Ruth H. Robinson      | 50 00  |
| A. J. Holden          | 50 00  |
| Lyman S. Walker       | 100 00 |
| William Fobes         | 100 00 |
| Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg    | 100 00 |
| Henry E. Morse        | 100 00 |
| William Haskell       | 100 00 |
| Henry P. Wright       | 100 00 |
| Laura Burt            | 100 00 |
| Ann D. Adams          | 25 00  |
| Hall & Nourse         | 100 00 |
| A. L. Nickerson       | 100 00 |
| A. C. Morse           | 50 00  |
| George Ross           | 100 00 |
| George N. Briggs      | 100 00 |
| Mary J. Clark         | 100 00 |
| Moses O. Ayres        | 100 00 |
| Horace W. Lincoln     | 100 00 |
| William Myrick Presho | 50 00  |
| Charles W. Hastings   | 100 00 |
| Charles B. Green      | 50 00  |
| W. R. Dean            | 100 00 |
| J. H. O. Lovell       | 153 60 |

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|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Alfred Parks Wright Fund      |         |
| Fund and Interest             | 526 66  |
| Mary Lincoln Alden Fund       |         |
| Fund                          | 5000 00 |
| Income unexpended             | 824 00  |
| Fobes Memorial Fund           |         |
| Fund                          | 2000 00 |
| Interest                      | 645 49  |
| Library Legacies and interest | 1065 13 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1922.

### PAID TOWN OFFICERS

#### Town Clerk

|                   |          |         |
|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Paid Eva S. Allen | \$ 77 00 |         |
| Effie Swindell    | 7 00     |         |
| Supplies          | 2 53     |         |
|                   | <hr/>    | \$86 53 |

#### Treasurer

|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid John Dwelly | \$75 00 |         |
| Postage          | 9 94    |         |
|                  | <hr/>   | \$84 94 |

#### Tax Collector

|               |         |         |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Ed. Cody | \$85 00 |         |
| Postage       | 8 60    |         |
|               | <hr/>   | \$93 60 |

#### Selectmen

|                         |         |          |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid John P. Day        | \$50 00 |          |
| Sylvester R. Dean       | 40 00   |          |
| Edmund Cody             | 40 00   |          |
| Oaths, Tel. and Postage | 4 50    |          |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$134 50 |



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### Assessors

|                   |         |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid W. A. Woodis | \$79 58 |          |
| John Moran        | 60 35   |          |
| C. B. Daniels     | 72 00   |          |
|                   | <hr/>   | \$211 93 |

### Auditors

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Paid John Robinson | \$50 00 |
|--------------------|---------|

### Ballot Clerks and Tellers

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Effie Swindell | \$13 00 |         |
| Katherine Cody      | 13 00   |         |
| F. E. Davis         | 8 00    |         |
| George Dean         | 5 00    |         |
| George Morse        | 3 00    |         |
| Grace Parker        | 5 00    |         |
| Lillian Morse       | 5 00    |         |
|                     | <hr/>   | \$52 00 |

### Registrars of Voters

|                |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Eva Allen | \$14 00 |         |
| John P. Day    | 7 00    |         |
| Sylvester Dean | 4 00    |         |
|                | <hr/>   | \$25 00 |

### Sealer of Weights and Measures

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Paid George H. Morse | \$15 00 |
|----------------------|---------|

### Dog Officer

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Paid George H. Morse | \$25 00 |
|----------------------|---------|

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### Overseers of Poor

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid support of Poor | \$744 88 |
|----------------------|----------|

### Police

|                     |        |         |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Henry Bartlett | \$2 00 |         |
| George H. Morse     | 10 40  |         |
| Andrew Green        | 3 00   |         |
| F. H. Parmeater     | 7 00   |         |
|                     | <hr/>  | \$22 40 |

### School Committee

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Paid for Support of Schools | \$7910 28 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|

### Superintendent of Streets

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Paid for Highways | 4419 13 |
|-------------------|---------|

### Bridges

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Paid for Repairs | 118 77 |
|------------------|--------|

### Library

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paid for Support of Library | \$460 83 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

### Cemetery Committee

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Paid for Support of Cemeteries | \$239 87 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

### Military Aid

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Paid Military Aid | \$30 00 |
|-------------------|---------|

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### State Aid

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Paid State Aid | \$216 00 |
|----------------|----------|

### Bonds for Town Officers

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co. |         |
| Treasurer's Bond               | \$12 00 |
| Collector's Bond               | 30 00   |
|                                | \$42 00 |

### State and County Tax

|                  |           |  |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| Paid County Tax  | \$655 00  |  |
| State Tax        | 1080 00   |  |
| Highway Tax      | 139 60    |  |
| Civilian War Tax | 531 00    |  |
|                  | \$2405 60 |  |

### Worcester Bank and Trust Co.

|               |           |  |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| Paid for Note | \$3500 00 |  |
| Interest      | 77 44     |  |
|               | \$3577 44 |  |

### Opening Roads

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Paid for Opening Roads | \$318 16 |
|------------------------|----------|

### Insurance of Employees

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Paid Frank A. Smith & Sons | \$83 73 |
|----------------------------|---------|

### Fire Department

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Paid for Fighting Fires | \$249 10 |
|-------------------------|----------|

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

### Tree Warden

|                  |       |         |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Paid W. A. Nye   | 47 22 |         |
| C. A. Trowbridge | 1 40  |         |
|                  | <hr/> | \$48 62 |

### Memorial Association

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Paid Ira Stone | \$7 27 |
|----------------|--------|

### Gypsy Moth

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Paid for the Suppression of Gypsy Moth,<br>1921-1922 | \$1053 50 |
|--|-----------|

### Miscellaneous

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Oliver Wilkins, Street Lights            | \$10 00 |
| H. W. Stone, Inspecting Barns                 | 55 46   |
| H. W. Stone, Inspecting Meat                  | 95 00   |
| J. P. Fairbanks, Death Returns                | 2 50    |
| Dr. Douglas, Birth Returns                    | 2 25    |
| Commissioner of Public Safety,<br>Blanks      | 70      |
| John Dwelly, Ex. to Worcester                 | 5 00    |
| Barre Gazette, Printing                       | 241 08  |
| Sanford Putnam Co. Call Book                  | 8 38    |
| J. W. Fisk, Tree Guards                       | 32 00   |
| John Dwelly, Wood                             | 37 50   |
| F. S. Conant, Supplies                        | 16 28   |
| Worcester Mechanics Bank, Safe<br>Deposit Box | 4 00    |

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|   |        |                   |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| Fay Russell, Repairs                          | 9 69   |                   |
| Theodore Wardell, Certifying<br>Note          | 2 00   |                   |
| C. H. Parker & Son, Supplies                  | 3 17   |                   |
| Hobbs & Warren, Supplies                      | 3 07   |                   |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealers'<br>Supplies       | 4 30   |                   |
| Worcester Abstract Co., Abstracts             | 10 62  |                   |
| W. A. Nye, Care of Clock                      | 35 00  |                   |
| W. A. Nye, Care of Hall                       | 120 00 |                   |
| W. A. Nye, Repairs                            | 14 87  |                   |
| Worcester Industrial School,<br>Milton Parker | 92 88  |                   |
| Henry Hallenbach                              | 46 88  |                   |
| Chas. Ferrin                                  | 42 84  |                   |
| George S. Butler, Supplies                    | 11 22  |                   |
| Louis Hanff, Davis Case                       | 14 70  |                   |
| John L. Smith, Wilkins Case                   | 8 50   |                   |
| John L. Smith, Hapgood Case                   | 10 80  |                   |
|   | <hr/>  | \$940 69          |
| Total   |        | <hr/> \$23,666 77 |

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

|                            |     |            |            |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|------------|
|                            | Dr. |            |            |
| Uncollected taxes for 1921 |     | \$3785 10  |            |
| Interest                   |     | 128 47     |            |
|                            |     | <hr/>      | \$3,913 57 |
|                            | Cr. |            |            |
| By Treasurer's receipts    |     | \$3,285 82 |            |
| Abatements                 |     | 109 29     |            |
|                            |     | <hr/>      | \$3,395 11 |
|                            |     | <hr/>      |            |
| Uncollected Taxes          |     |            | \$518 46   |

|   |     |            |             |
|---|-----|------------|-------------|
|   | Dr. |            |             |
| Taxes Committed to me for Collection, 1922: |     |            |             |
| Town Tax                                    |     | \$9822 00  |             |
| State Tax                                   |     | 1080 00    |             |
| County Tax                                  |     | 655 00     |             |
| State Highway Tax                           |     | 140 00     |             |
| Overlayings                                 |     | 661 34     |             |
| Omitted Tax                                 |     | 201 66     |             |
| Interest                                    |     | 5 41       |             |
|   |     | <hr/>      | \$12,565 41 |
|   | Cr. |            |             |
| By Treasurer's Receipts                     |     | \$7,914 90 |             |
| Abatement                                   |     | 14 00      | \$7,928 90  |
|   |     | <hr/>      |             |
| Uncollected Taxes                           |     |            | \$4,636 51  |

Respectfully Submitted,  
EDMUND F. CODY,  
Collector.



## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

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### Bridges

|                             |         |          |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid George Butler, spikes  | \$ 2 52 |          |
| James Leyden, sleepers, (9) | 45 00   |          |
| Henry Butler, plank         | 16 80   |          |
| W. R. Dean, plank           | 28 00   |          |
| A. L. Newton, hauling plank | 7 00    |          |
| George Grimes, labor        | 2 50    |          |
| Nathan Fiske, labor         | 3 20    |          |
| C. R. Knight, labor         | 13 75   |          |
|                             |         | <hr/>    |
|                             |         | \$118 77 |

### Material, 1922

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. I. Dupont, dynamite   | \$53 00 |
| George Butler                 | 1 25    |
| New England Metal Culvert Co. | 224 44  |
| Good Road Machinery           | 4 20    |
| Waite Hardware                | 6 80    |
| Ross Bros.                    | 2 75    |
| George Morse                  | 1 20    |
| M. F. Lincoln, gravel         | 1 30    |
| E. V. Newton, gravel          | 2 10    |
| Mrs. Rugg, gravel             | 12 80   |
| Wallace Grimes, gravel        | 3 00    |
| William Gaffney, gravel       | 3 20    |

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|                                 |       |          |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|
| H. D. Bullard, gravel           | 75 80 |          |
| C. R. Knight, repairs on tools  | 3 93  |          |
| C. R. Knight, freight           | 2 94  |          |
| L. C. Francis, repairs on tools | 8 10  |          |
|                                 |       | <hr/>    |
|                                 |       | \$406 81 |
| Credit on dynamite              |       | 39 75    |
|                                 |       | <hr/>    |
| Balance                         |       | \$367 06 |

### Work on Roads, 1922

|                   |          |           |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid C. R. Knight | \$827 61 |           |
| Fred Parkman      | 568 76   |           |
| A. L. Newton      | 666 77   |           |
| W. H. Boyd        | 421 31   |           |
| Frank Lupa        | 122 50   |           |
| W. A. Woodis      | 72 63    |           |
| Frank Winslow     | 21 00    |           |
| William Gaffney   | 29 68    |           |
| John Robinson     | 10 84    |           |
| Arthur Spooner    | 2 55     |           |
| Nathan Fiske      | 389 80   |           |
| Frank Stone       | 292 20   |           |
| Frank Boyd        | 156 20   |           |
| James Woodis      | 338 60   |           |
| George Hallowell  | 62 00    |           |
| Percy Wilbur      | 2 20     |           |
| William Mann      | 3 00     |           |
| John Fitzpatrick  | 5 00     |           |
| William Macia     | 11 47    |           |
| Ira Stone         | 5 00     |           |
| Frank Parkman     | 3 20     |           |
|                   |          | <hr/>     |
|                   |          | \$4012 32 |

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR 1922

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|                                      |        |          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Assessment                           | 11 96  |          |
| Memorial Hospital                    | 150 86 |          |
| Dr.E. S. Douglass                    | 72 00  |          |
| Town of Milton                       | 371 00 |          |
| Expense going to Milton and Brockton | 42 00  |          |
| Expense going to Holden              | 3 00   |          |
| Expense going to Tewksbury           | 20 00  |          |
| James P. Fairbanks                   | 19 00  |          |
| Charlton Poor Farm Asso. board       | 2 56   |          |
| Wm. H. Parkman, services             | 25 00  |          |
| Morton F. Lincoln, services          | 17 00  |          |
| Appleton Newton, services            | 5 00   |          |
| Stationery and postage               | 5 56   |          |
|                                      | <hr/>  | \$744 94 |
| Returned                             |        | 20 20    |
|                                      |        | <hr/>    |
|                                      |        | \$724 74 |

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,  
MORTON F. LINCOLN,  
APPLETON NEWTON,  
Overseers.

# **REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSO- CIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1922**

## Receipts

|                     |           |             |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Milk                | \$2707 68 |             |
| Eggs                | 52 14     |             |
| Stock               | 603 00    |             |
| Inmates Board       | 5102 66   |             |
| Boarders            | 1327 04   |             |
| Miscellaneous       | 131 15    |             |
| Annual Assessment   | 756 05    |             |
| Interest on deposit | 7 66      |             |
| Balance 1921        | 6 75      |             |
|                     | <hr/>     | \$10,694 13 |

## **EXPENDITURES**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| C. M. Wheeler and Wife       | \$1200 00 |
| Outside Labor                | 635 67    |
| Inside Labor                 | 365 00    |
| Miscellaneous                | 184 40    |
| Groceries                    | 1165 52   |
| Meat                         | 633 92    |
| Grain and Feed               | 1124 23   |
| Oil and Gasoline             | 163 15    |
| Tobacco                      | 168 26    |
| Supplies                     | 991 37    |
| Clothing                     | 424 65    |
| Drugs and Medical Attendance | 90 41     |
| Electricity, etc.            | 77 89     |
| Blacksmithing                | 59 09     |
| Telephone                    | 42 13     |
| Coal                         | 315 91    |
| Rent and Interest            | 674 04    |

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|                     |        |           |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| Seed                | 40 90  |           |
| Stock               | 168 00 |           |
| Hardware            | 47 05  |           |
| Machinery           | 40 65  |           |
| Lime and Fertilizer | 309 12 |           |
| Veterinary          | 11 00  |           |
| N. E. M. P. A. dues | 13 00  |           |
|                     | <hr/>  | \$8945 36 |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance in favor of Association | \$1748 77 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|

Received and due from towns in the Association for board of inmates:

|                 |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Ashburnham      | \$234 66 |           |
| Auburn          | 61 70    |           |
| Boylston        | 469 26   |           |
| Brookfield      | 469 26   |           |
| Charlton        | 351 62   |           |
| East Brookfield | 109 27   |           |
| Leicester       | 371 62   |           |
| Millbury        | 1191 77  |           |
| Oakham          | 3 20     |           |
| Princeton       | 514 91   |           |
| Rutland         | 386 97   |           |
| Sterling        | 469 26   |           |
| Westminster     | 469 26   |           |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$5102 26 |

Total number of weeks for inmates 1136 5-7; for boarders 251 4-7 weeks. No inmates from Holland. Holden, Hardwick, Hubbardston and Paxton.

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President,  
LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Charlton, January 1, 1923.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Receipts for 1922

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|                                  |      |          |          |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| Town appropriation               |      | \$100 00 |          |
| Perpetual care                   |      | 95 00    |          |
| Individual care                  | 1920 | 2 00     |          |
| Individual care                  | 1921 | 21 00    |          |
| Individual care                  | 1922 | 57 00    |          |
| Sale of lot, Pine Grove cemetery |      | 10 00    |          |
| Sale of lot, South cemetery      |      | 5 00     |          |
| Sale of grave, South cemetery    |      | 1 00     |          |
|                                  |      | <hr/>    | \$291 00 |

### Expenses

|                             |          |               |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Edwin Green, Superintendent | \$163 30 |               |
| William M. Woodis           | 53 63    |               |
| A. B. Spooner               | 10 40    |               |
| D. F. Howard & Sons         | 5 00     |               |
| W. E. Morse                 | 4 55     |               |
| H. W. Crawford              | 1 45     |               |
| P. F. Wilbur                | 1 00     |               |
| J. P. Fairbank              | 54 00    |               |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$239 87      |
| Balance not used            |          | <hr/> \$51 13 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,  
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,  
EDWIN GREEN.



## FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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### Receipts

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Town appropriation   | \$300 00 |          |
| Dog Fund             | 224 27   |          |
| Wright Memorial Fund | 24 00    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$548 27 |

### Expenditures

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid William Nye, janitor     | \$132 00 |          |
| H. R. Hunting Co., books      | 25 31    |          |
| R. H. Hinkley Co., books      | 58 05    |          |
| C. H. Parker & Son, supplies  | 16 89    |          |
| H. N. Butler, wood            | 16 00    |          |
| E. Hapgood, labor             | 9 75     |          |
| Haven & Carter, coal          | 49 13    |          |
| G. S. Butler, supplies        | 5 70     |          |
| F. E. Davis, postage, express | 3 00     |          |
| F. E. Davis, librarian        | 75 00    |          |
| Robert Briggs, carrying books | 25 00    |          |
| Grace Baxter, librarian       | 25 00    |          |
| Grace Baxter, cataloging      | 5 00     |          |
| Orton Butler, assistant       | 5 00     |          |
| Ruth Morse, reshelving books  | 5 00     |          |
| Sara Butler, assistant        | 5 00     |          |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$460 83 |

During the past year, the town has lost two valued friends, who were much interested in the library.

Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester who has done so

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much toward establishing and maintaining the library died in November.

With feelings of deep sadness we record the death of our associate on the Library Board for so many years, Deacon Jesse Allen. Our library, school, church and entire community will greatly miss his genial presence, excellent judgment and wise counsel.

The books have been re-shelved, new ones catalogued and worn ones discarded.

The library received a legacy of \$153 from the estate of Miss J. H. Orzina Lovell.

Respectfully submitted,  
SARA E. BUTLER,  
FLORENCE E. BOWWELL,  
Trustees.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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The library was open during the past year for the delivery of books 102 days.

The number of books charged for home use were 3228. The schools borrowed 119 books for supplementary work.

The largest circulation in one day was 59.

The magazines for use in the reading room include the Etude, Country Gentleman, To-Day's Housewife, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Dearborn Independent, Popular Mechanics, Illustrated World, National Geographic, Our Dumb Animals, Physical Culture, National Grange, Christian Endeavor World, Ladies Home Journal and Barre Gazette.

The Woman's Education Association and Yale Library, New Haven, have kindly loaned books for home use.

We are also indebted to the Woman's Education Association for a collection of pictures of Deerfield, loaned to the Library for a short time, and can be seen in the reading room.

Gifts have been received from Library Commission, Mrs. W. S. Crawford, Jasper Peabody, S. N. Haskell, Mabel C. Dean, J. E. Damon, Ernest Haywood, Mrs. W. S. Crawford, Dr. Brown, Christian Endeavor and Oakham Grange.

The former afternoon Library hours of 3-5 p. m. have been changed to 2-4 p. m.

Beginning 1923 no books will be issued on cards on which a fine is due.

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The following books have been added during the year :

The Long Dim Trail.  
Steam Shovel Man.  
Old Ryerson.  
The Reign of Queen Isyl.  
Paul Prescott's Charge.  
Do and Dare.  
The Cross and its Shadow.  
Story of the Seer of Patmos.  
The Belgian Twins.  
The French Twins.  
Little Allies.  
Lone Bull's Mistake.  
A Little Maid of Old Philadelphia.  
Slipper Point Mystery.  
Too Many Crooks.  
Indian Heroes and Great Chieftains.  
An Irish Saint.  
A Little Gray Home in France.  
The Girls of Old Glory.  
Comrade Rosalie.  
A Layman's Hand Book of Medicine.  
A Student in Arms.  
The Junior Cup.  
Guld, The Cavern Boy.  
My Antonia.  
Wigwam, Wonder Tales.  
Strange Stories of the Great Valley.  
Indian Legends Retold.  
Neptune's Son.  
Community Life and Civic Problems.

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Have Faith in Massachusetts.  
What Happened in Europe.  
The Blue Aunt.  
The Day of Glory.  
American Boy's Book on Bugs, Butterflies and Beetles.  
St. Botolph Town.  
The Cruise of the Cachalot.  
Forging the Sword.  
Genevieve.  
Mercier.  
The Red Man's Continent.  
A Treasury of Animal Stories.  
Care and Feeding of Children.  
Our Patriots.  
Captain Horace.  
Deing Done Good.  
The Drums of Fore and Aft.  
Dear Old "K".  
History of the Yankee Division.  
New England in France.  
The Young Man and Teaching.  
The Broken Soldier.  
In What Life Consists.

Respectfully submitted,  
(MRS.) GRACE E. BAXTER.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Receipts

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Town—Support of Schools                                 | \$3200 00        |
| State return—School Fund                                | 2172 00          |
| State return—High School tuition                        | 789 47           |
| State return—School Superintendent                      | 289 92           |
| State return High School transportation                 | 520 50           |
| State return—Income Tax, for general<br>school purposes | 640 00           |
| Rutland Tuition   | 27 00            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$7638 89</b> |

### Expenses

#### School Committee

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Paid Thomas C. Baxter, services | \$25 00                   |
| Walter O. Babcock               | 10 00                     |
| Minnie M. Day, services         | 20 00                     |
|                                 | <u>          </u> \$55 00 |

#### Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Paid James R. Childs, salary              | \$405 00                   |
| James R. Childs, travelling<br>expenses   | 70 80                      |
| James R. Childs, postage<br>and telephone | 5 14                       |
| James R. Childs, supplies<br>for office   | 5 65                       |
|   | <u>          </u> \$486 59 |



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### Teachers

|                                |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell | \$1000 00 |           |
| Miss Ethel M. Braman           | 1000 00   |           |
| Miss Ruth E. Butterfield       | 1000 00   |           |
| ✓ Mrs. Ruth Dwelly             | 231 00    |           |
|                                | <hr/>     | \$3231 00 |

### Supplies

|                           |        |         |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Edward E. Babb & Co. | \$3 97 |         |
| J. N. Ball                | 3 57   |         |
| George S. Butler          | 1 35   |         |
| Dowling School Supply Co. | 6 39   |         |
| S. A. Maxwell & Co.       | 3 90   |         |
| M. Steinert & Sons        | 3 70   |         |
| Milton Bradley Co.        | 3 30   |         |
| J. R. Childs              | 8 50   |         |
| Ruth B. Dwelly            | 8 43   |         |
| Wm. A. Nye                | 3 25   |         |
| J. L. Hammett Co.         | 30 03  |         |
| C. R. Knight              | 2 50   |         |
| Edward E. Babb            | 5 04   |         |
| George S. Butler          | 2 49   |         |
|                           | <hr/>  | \$86 42 |

### Books

|                          |       |         |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Paid F. M. Ambrose & Co. | 6 87  |         |
| Edward E. Babb & Co.     | 16 33 |         |
| Milton Bradley Co.       | 2 60  |         |
| The Macmillan Co.        | 3 74  |         |
| John C. Winston Co.      | 9 86  |         |
| Silver Burdett           | 14 88 |         |
|                          | <hr/> | \$54 28 |

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### Care and Cleaning

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid William A. Nye  | \$162 00 |          |
| For Coldbrook School | 14 00    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$176 00 |

### Fuel

|                    |         |          |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Frank H. Boyd | \$93 50 |          |
| George A. Briggs   | 42 50   |          |
|                    | <hr/>   | \$136 00 |

### Repairs

|                     |        |         |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Oliver Wilkins | \$4 50 |         |
| William Snay        | 5 25   |         |
| Fay D. Russell      | 15 50  |         |
| George A. Briggs    | 3 00   |         |
| Chas. B. Daniels    | 5 00   |         |
| W. O. Babcock       | 4 00   |         |
| Frank O. Stevens    | 4 90   |         |
| Walter Babcock      | 1 50   |         |
| Wiliam Nye          | 10 44  |         |
|                     | <hr/>  | \$54 09 |

### Promotion of Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Paid Dr. E. S. Douglass | \$25 00 |
|-------------------------|---------|

### Grade Transportation

|                     |          |           |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Morton Lincoln | \$504 00 |           |
| William G. Mann     | 662 00   |           |
| Bert S. Reed        | 536 00   |           |
|                     | <hr/>    | \$1702 00 |

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### High School Transportation

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid William Gaffney | \$46 00 |          |
| Thomas C. Baxter     | 77 60   |          |
| Sidney I. Dean       | 98 40   |          |
| Walter J. Bruce      | 74 40   |          |
| William Krafve       | 78 20   |          |
| Miss Esther Briggs   | 76 40   |          |
| William H. Parkman   | 23 20   |          |
| Clifford R. Knight   | 23 20   |          |
| Miss Hazel C. Briggs | 75 20   |          |
| John Dwelly          | 75 60   |          |
| Patrick O'Donnell    | 76 00   |          |
| Mrs. L. E. Sanderson | 24 80   |          |
| J. C. Rutherford     | 24 00   |          |
| H. W. Hallenbeck     | 4 80    |          |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$777 80 |

### High School Tuition

|                           |          |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid City of Worcester    | \$262 50 |           |
| Town of Hardwick for 1921 | 200 63   |           |
| Town of Hardwick for 1922 | 285 00   |           |
| Town of Holden            | 160 00   |           |
| Town of Barre             | 75 00    |           |
| Town of North Brookfield  | 80 00    |           |
| Town of West Brookfield   | 39 47    |           |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$1102 60 |

### Miscellaneous

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Paid T. C. Baxter, expense of Union<br>School Committee meeting | \$5 00 |
|---|--------|

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|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Minnie M. Day, taking school census        | 5 00  |           |
| J. P. Day, sawing wood                     | 5 00  |           |
| Walter Babcock, sawing and putting in wood | 8 50  |           |
|  | <hr/> | \$23 50   |
| Total expenditures                         |       | \$7910 28 |

The furnishings of the South school were exchanged for equipment needed in the other schools of the town. Following is the statement:

### Sold

|                                   |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Desks from South School           | \$60 00 |         |
| Three pieces Hylophate Blackboard | 13 93   |         |
| One metal waste basket            | 1 00    |         |
| Desks from Coldbrook              | 10 00   |         |
|                                   | <hr/>   | \$84 93 |

### Received

|                             |        |         |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 Kindergarten table        | \$6 55 |         |
| 1 dozen Kindergarten chairs | 21 80  |         |
| Window shades               | 38 19  |         |
| Books and Supplies          | 18 39  |         |
|                             | <hr/>  | \$84 93 |

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. BAXTER,  
WALTER O. BABCOCK,  
MINNIE M. DAY,

School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923

To the School Committee of Oakham:

My fifth report as superintendent, and the twenty-third in the series is presented herewith for your consideration. The usual statistical information and special reports follow, and are deserving of careful attention.

We have again been fortunate in meeting with no serious interruptions during the year and good faithful work has been accomplished. It is pleasing to note that more of our boys and girls are going to high school this year, and that they are bringing credit to their elementary training and to themselves.

As I have stated many times before we are fortunate in having no changes in teachers for a number of years. This should not lead us to take our teachers for granted. Rather should we make every inducement in the way of salaries and all needed equipment, to keep them and to show our appreciation.

During the year we have made several changes in our text books along the lines suggested in former reports. We are now supplied with the new edition of the Aldine series for teaching reading and are gradually replacing our basal material in history and geography with modern revisions, and working toward the elimination of the ninth grade. With smaller classes this may be accomplished more readily at Coldbrook and as we have no eighth grade there this year we may expect to bring

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about the change without any complication next year. This change when completed will bring our schools into line with the others of the union, and will effect the reorganization begun when the entrance age was raised to six years. I have had the cooperation of the teachers in working toward this end and want to express my sincere appreciation of their help.

We have sold to the Holden schools several desks and some blackboard taken from the South school when that building was sold, and in this way have been able without extra expense to the town to purchase kindergarten chairs and table, new curtains for all the schools and new material for teaching reading.

There has been very little new educational legislation during the year. We are passing through a period of readjustment in every line of activity. It will take time to put into operation the provisions of school laws enacted last year. We have been fortunate in securing Mrs. E. S. Douglass as School Nurse. The services of nurse and physician may be of great value to Oakham, but we shall need to make a larger appropriation for their work. Attention was called last year to the law requiring the teaching of "indoor and outdoor games and athletic exercises." At present we have done very little along this line beyond the calisthenics and setting up exercises required in every school.

It will be necessary this year to determine by some form of mental test the amount of retardation in our schools, in accordance with the law mentioned last year. This law requires a special class for retarded children if ten or more are found in the town.

Completion of the work of the sixth grade is the minimum requirement before a child may leave school. All

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children between the ages of SEVEN and FOURTEEN must attend school ALL THE TIME THE SCHOOLS ARE IN SESSION. The law provides that the School Committee through the Attendance officer shall enforce this law and bring into court any parent failing to comply with its provisions.

Attendance at Summer Schools and study of the best methods and practises by means of Correspondence courses offered by our Normal Schools and through the University Extension, the reading of books—these present to the teacher the means of keeping in touch with progressive live educational thought. Many towns and cities require this. Others make such study the prerequisite for promotion and salary increase. In many places part of the expense of attendance at summer sessions or of correspondence courses is borne by the town. In Holden last year \$50 was added to the salary of the teachers who attended summer school. Nearly fifty per cent. of our teachers are studying in one of the ways named, for professional self-improvement. I would like to see some special inducement along this line offered our teachers in Oakham.

Your attention is invited to the report of the School Physician and of the Music Supervisor. I regret to note the excessive number of cases of defective teeth in Dr. Douglass' report. I cannot believe that parents willingly neglect this important matter when it is called to their attention. A word of appreciation and thanks is due the Doctor for the interest he has always taken in his examination of the children. The small amount he is paid is out of proportion to the good that is done. The service would be made of greater value if parents would give heed to his notices.



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I take this opportunity to thank the School Committee, the teachers and pupils and the parents for loyal support and for many courtesies shown. It is no small part of the reward of service and of the joy of service to feel that one is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES R. CHILDS,  
Superintendent of Schools.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1921-1922

| School         | Teacher              | Training          | Began here | Total mem. | Ave. mem. | Ave. atten. | Per cent. atten. |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| Center Grammar | Florence E. Bothwell | N. Brookfield H S | 1897       | 35         | 31        | 27          | 89               |
| Center Primary | Ethel M. Braman      | Northfield        | 1907       | 35         | 30        | 27          | 90               |
| Goldbrook      | Ruth E. Butterfield  | Worcester N. S.   | 1904       | 20         | 19        | 18          | 95               |
| Music          | Ruth B. Dwelley      | Northampton       | 1909       |            |           |             |                  |
|                |                      |                   |            | 90         | 80        | 72          | 90               |

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### REGISTRATION OF MINORS (School Census) April 1, 1922

#### Children in Oakham

|                                | Boys | Girls | Total |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Between 5 and 7 years of age   | 3    | 4     | 7     |
| Between 7 and 14 years of age  | 33   | 33    | 66    |
| Between 14 and 16 years of age | 10   | 12    | 22    |
| Illiterate minors 16 to 21     | 0    | 0     | 0     |
| Totals                         | 46   | 49    | 95    |

### ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM 1922

| Grade | I  | II | III | IV | V  | VI | VII | VIII | IX | Total |
|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|------|----|-------|
| Boys  | 7  | 5  | 0   | 1  | 6  | 4  | 9   | 2    | 2  | 36    |
| Girls | 5  | 4  | 3   | 4  | 9  | 4  | 5   | 3    | 5  | 42    |
| Total | 12 | 9  | 3   | 5  | 15 | 8  | 14  | 5    | 7  | 78    |

### PROMOTION BY GRADES, JUNE 1922

| Grade                | I  | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | IX | Total |
|----------------------|----|----|-----|----|---|----|-----|------|----|-------|
| Promoted             | 7  | 4  | 4   | 13 | 7 | 15 | 5   | 7    | 12 | 74    |
| Promoted<br>on trial | 4  | 0  | 1   | 2  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0  | 7     |
| Totals               | 11 | 4  | 5   | 15 | 7 | 15 | 5   | 7    | 12 | 81    |

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## AGE AND GRADING CHART, APRIL 1, 1922

| Age    | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Total |
|--------|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Grade  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| I      | 6 | 4 | 1 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 11    |
| II     |   | 1 | 3 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 4     |
| III    |   | 2 |   | 3  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 5     |
| IV     |   |   | 2 | 9  | 2  | 2  |    |    |    |    |    | 15    |
| V      |   |   |   | 3  | 5  | 1  |    |    |    |    |    | 9     |
| VI     |   |   |   |    |    | 7  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 1  |    | 14    |
| VII    |   |   |   |    |    | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  |    |    | 5     |
| VIII   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | 3  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 7     |
| IX     |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | 1  | 4  | 6  | 1  | 12    |
| Totals | 6 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 7  | 11 | 6  | 6  | 8  | 8  | 2  | 82    |

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

### ROLL OF HONOR

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Perfect attendance for THREE YEARS:

Raymond Crawford

Perfect attendance for ONE YEAR, except as indicated:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Florence Loring (1) | Kenneth Wilkins |
| Vincent Mullen      | Mildred Wilkins |

Perfect attendance for two terms, except as indicated:

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Norman Baxter       | Burton Mullen (1)   |
| Rose Bruno (1)      | Lillian Potter (T)  |
| Charles Dean (1)    | Albert Sullivan (1) |
| Albert Dufault      | Helen Sullivan (½)  |
| Charles Ferrin (1)  | Herbert Sullivan    |
| Stephen Lincoln (1) | Oliver Wilkins      |
| Corinna Loring (½)  | William Wilkins     |
| Frank Loring (1)    |                     |

Perfect attendance for one term, except as indicated:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Dorothy Day (½)  | Moses Macia (1)      |
| John Day         | John Murray          |
| Sidney Dean (½)  | Frank Potter (T)     |
| Stanley Lupa     | William Rutherford   |
| George Macia (1) | Barbara Sullivan (½) |

## ANNUAL REPORT

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Fall Term—Sept. 5, 1922 to Dec. 22, 1922—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 2, 1923 to March 16, 1923—11 weeks.

Spring Term—April 9, 1923 to June 8, 1923—9 weeks.

Fall Term—Sept. 4, 1923 to Dec. 21, 1923—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 7, 1924 to March 14, 1924—10 weeks.

Spring Term—March 31, 1924 to June 6, 1924—10 weeks.

#### Holidays

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day,  
October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

### REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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South Barre, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I have examined the pupils in the following schools:-  
Oakham Primary and Oakham Grammar at the Center  
and Coldbrook and at Coldbrook Springs.

|                                   | Ctr. Prim. | Ctr. Gram. | Coldbrook |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Number of pupils examined         | 34         | 23         | 21        |
| Number of pupils absent           | 4          | 0          | 0         |
| Number having defective<br>teeth  | 13         | 5          | 7         |
| Cases of excessive wax in<br>ears | 4          | 0          | 2         |
| Cases of enlarged tonsils         | 1          | 3          | 0         |
| Cases of adenoids                 | 1          | 3          | 0         |
| Notices sent to parents           | 18         | 8          | 9         |

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M. D.,

School Physician.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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Oakham, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in music is being advanced on a plan similar to that of last year with varied applications of the fundamental principles.

In the lower grades special attention has been given to ear-training, correlating it with eye-work later.

Rote songs, sung by the class and individually form the basis for this work. Individual work is urged and encouraged from the first grade, and continuing through the upper grades.

From the beginning the child is taught to sing with a pure, light tone quality. Insistence on good tone quality is of paramount importance.

Two, three and four part singing is introduced and sung by the class and by individuals. The problems in time, tone and theory are studied and drilled upon. With the exception of some individual cases the children are taught to carry either soprano or alto in two part music. They thus gain not only additional ear and eye training for the present, but valuable experience when the changing voice necessitates the singing of a second part.

If the music periods have made the pupils more alert mentally, keener in theory, more appreciative of the best in music, and have given them that test of training "the capability of attempting new subjects," we may



## TOWN OF OAKHAM

justly feel that we have accomplished much for educational music in the schools.

The results have differed according to the pupil, some principles unconsciously becoming more evident than others.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

Music Supervisor.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT, ENDING DEC. 31, 1920

Dr.

|                            |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Uncollected taxes for 1919 | \$115 07 |          |
| Interest                   | 17 94    |          |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$133 04 |

Cr.

|                         |  |          |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| By Treasurer's receipts |  | \$133 04 |
|-------------------------|--|----------|

Dr.

|                            |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Uncollected taxes for 1920 | \$856 85 |          |
| Interest                   | 58 09    |          |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$924 95 |

Cr.

|                         |  |                |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|
| By Treasurer's receipts |  | \$733 43       |
| Uncollected taxes       |  | <hr/> \$191 52 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. MORSE,

Collector for 1920.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Superintendent, Cemetery Committee, Tree Warden, Fire Warden, Library Trustees, and accounts of Moth Superintendent and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

JOHN ROBINSON,

Auditor.

### LIST OF JURORS

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George W. Dean, Treasurer.  
Donald Rutherford, Farmer.  
Fay D. Russell, Carpenter.  
Herman Dean, Farmer.  
Fred Parkman, Farmer.  
Frank Cheever, Carpenter.  
Clarence Grimes, Farmer.

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